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**PATENT APPLICATION**  
**IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE**

Applicant : Marco CAERAN )  
 ) Group Art Unit 3728  
Appln. No. : 09/537,176 )  
 ) Examiner Jila Mohandesi  
Filed : March 29, 2000 )  
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For : SPORTS BOOT WITH FLEXIBLE FRAME )

**REPLY UNDER 37 CFR 1.111**  
**TO THE OFFICE ACTION OF FEBRUARY 8, 2001 (Paper No. 6)**

Assistant Commissioner for Patents  
Washington, D.C. 20231

Sir:

In reply to the Office action dated February 8, 2001, the period for reply to which Applicant requests an extension of time under 37 CFR 1.136(a) for two months, from May 8, 2001 to Monday, July 9, 2001, please enter the following amendment.

Upon entry of the amendment, reconsideration and allowance are respectfully requested.

**AMENDMENT**

**In the Specification**

Please replace the paragraph appearing on page 4, lines 1-3, with the following paragraph:

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